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March 10, 2016

Bob Jacko
Tintina Montana, Inc.
Black Butte Copper Project
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White Sulphur Springs, MT 59645

RE: First Deficiency Review, Pending Operating Permit 00188

Dear Mr. Jacko:

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has reviewed the application for an operating permit submitted on December 15, 2015. While this first deficiency review is extensive many of the comments fall under the category of corrections and clarification, which dramatically increased the content of the letter. Despite the length of this letter the Bureau appreciates the efforts and approach taken by Tintina regarding this project. Please address the following comments contained in the attachment.

The notations after each deficiency comment refer to the Metal Mine Reclamation Act or rules and in a few cases to MEPA (75-1-201, MCA). Errors, needed clarification, or simply incorrect statements, have been noted that should be corrected, although there is no corresponding rule to cite.

If you have any questions, please call.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Herb Rolfes".

Herb Rolfes
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Attachment: Electronic copy
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